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1. The Politbureau of the Bulgarian Communist Party has agreed in principle to the cession of the Pirin area to the Federal Republic of Macedonia as part of a general settlement of the Balkan problem.
2. At the same time the Politbureau considers that the satisfaction of certain Bulgarian claims is also an essential condition of such a settlement. Therefore it does not wish Bulgaria to cede the Pirin area unless it receives guarantees that Bulgaria's own claims will be satisfied.
3. The following are Bulgaria's claims:
 - (a) That Bulgaria should have an outlet to the Aegean (either Alexandroupolis or Kavalla or both, with a hinterland stretching as far as the Graeco-Bulgarian frontier;
 - (b) That the Macedonian Republic should receive Salonika;
 - (c) That Dimitrov rather than Tito should be head of the Balkan Federation or "Integral Yugoslavia".
4. It is probable that the Bulgarian Communists would give way on one or other of these points, but not on all. At present, in the absence of guarantees, they are endeavoring to delay discussion of full Balkan Federation, and are working instead for a more limited agreement which would include a customs and currency union and close co-operation in the economic, cultural, military and political spheres.

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5. Stella Blagoeva, who was recently at the Inter-Parliamentary Conference [redacted] has gone to Moscow to argue the Bulgarian case. The two mem- 50X1-HUM
bers of the Bulgarian Politbureau charged with special responsibilities
in respect of the problems of Balkan Federation and Macedonia are Khristo
Kalayjiev and Vladimir Poptomev, who are both deputies of Macedonian
origin. The latter is reported to have attended a recent secret meeting
on Mt. Kaimakohalan, at which Zachariades and [redacted] Albanian 50X1-HUM
Communists were present.

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